

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Daniel Baumgartner <i>et al.</i>	Confirmation No.:	2286
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For:	ANCHORING MEANS FOR INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANTS		

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 10, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Non Final Office Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated October 10, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following revisions and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Amendment

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Amendment

Examiner Merene and Supervisory Patent Examiner Robert are thanked for the courtesy extended during the Examiner Interview held on October 28, 2008. Per a discussion between the Examiners and the Undersigned, it is believed that independent claims 16, 25 and 32 have been amended to overcome the pending rejection.